Training for Police Personnel

*252 SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee appointed to review the training needs of top level police personnel has submitted its report:

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether and to what extent the committee has taken advantage of the organisational management and policing initiatives in some foreign countries; and

(d) the details of the available comparative studies and fresh guidelines drawn up to achieve high quality of police service and conduct befitting the Indian democratic set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) A committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Satish Sahney, IPS (Retd.) was set up by the Government to review in-service compulsory training of IPS officers with regard to its continuance, modification, if any, and any new courses that need to be added. The committee submitted its report in October, 1999.

Major recommendations of the Committee, *inter-alia,* include alignment of training courses with specified jobs/target groups of officers and redesigning course contents to enhance knowledge and skill of the trainees. To achieve this, the Committee suggested reorientation and re-organisation of induction courses for State Police Officers recruited to IPS through promotion and other various in-service management level courses for the IPS officers. To make these courses relevant for the career progression of the officers, the committee also recommended the induction course as a pre-requisite for confirmation of State Police Officers promoted to IPS, weightage of the courses for empanelment in various ranks and also compulsory in-service courses as an eligibility condition for foreign training.

The Government have accepted the recommendations of the committee with certain amendments and the National Police Academy (NPA) have accordingly modified the courses.

The terms of reference of the committee did not include comparative study etc. of policing initiatives in foreign countries.

Communal riots in Gujarat

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the communal riots in Gujarat recently have left a number of people shelterless;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total loss of life and property in the riots in the different parts of the country; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for their rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As on 14.3.2002, 91243 inmates have taken shelter in 96 relief camps.

(c) 673 persons were killed and 1269 persons sustained, injuries in the communal violence in Gujarat which began on 27.2.2002. Besides 5326 houses, 3751 shops, 1831 cabins and 1448 vehicles were burnt and 891 shops were damaged during the said incidents in Gujarat. However, no major riots involving huge loss of life and property have been reported from other parts of the country except some sporadic incidents in a few States, which were promptly tackled by the concerned State Governments.

(d) The following emergency relief measures were announced/ taken by the Government of Gujarat:

(i) Death compensation to the next of kin of the deceased: @ Rs. One Lakh.